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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I so rarely get a letter that I have to return that I have no reliable procedure for the occasion, and did not think to xerox yours before returning it to you. I do have a procedure for letters I write, so a copy of mine causes no problem. Here it is.

I don't know whether your interest continues, now that Stanford no longer has students in jeopardy. But just after the release of the last student I discovered the person who I now think has done more systematic work on the subject than anybody else in this country. His name is Brian Jenkins. He is in the Social Science Department of the Rand Corporation in Santa Monica. He has been working for several years and has half a dozen colleagues who participate part time. He has been looking at terrorist activities in this country, kidnappings, hostage takings, hijackings, and sabotage. He has interviewed police and others who have dealt with actual cases or are responsible in the event of a hostage taking in several major cities. He has had some opportunity to interview victims. And after several hours of conversation on two occasions I was convinced that his imagination and his analytic powers and his research instincts are good.

In the event you contacted various people recently and the people may therefore think of you as a possible information central when a similar event occurs, you might want to keep a note about Brian Jenkins.

Best regards,


Thomas C. Schelling

TCS:jh
Enclosure

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I have already been in touch with Jenkins. He shares my priority concern for what he calls "stateless war" J

SHELLING, Thomas